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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7811**  
Seishi KATO et al. : Docket No. 2003\_0986  
Serial No. 10/019,114 : Group Art Unit 1653  
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HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING HYDROPHOBIC  
DOMAINS AND DNAS ENCODING THESE PROTEINS

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated November 1, 2004.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group XXVI, claim 7, drawn to an antibody against SEQ ID NO: 7.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The restriction requirement imposes an unreasonable and significant burden upon the Applicant to obtain patent protection for the invention. The restriction requirement states that there are 29 inventions identified in the application. The restriction requirement is in essence a species requirement.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider the restriction requirement and broaden the scope of the invention examined to a scope which does not impose a serious burden upon the examination of this application.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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